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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE-ARAB FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

SUMMARY: FUTURE OF NEW AND PRIVATE PORTUGUESE-ARAB FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY IN LISBON AND THREE OTHER CITIES INCLUDES POTENTIAL PROPAGANDA ROLE FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE NEWLY-CREATED (FIRST MEETING MAY 30, 1974) "ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF ARAB COUNTRIES," WITH HEADQUARTERS IN LISBON, DELIVERED CHARTER TO PORTUGUESE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN JULY 1974. THIS ALLEGEDLY PRIVATE ORGANIZATION CLAIMS TO BE A CULTURAL ASSOCIATION CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE ARAB WORLD. GENERAL PROGRAM INCLUDES AN INFORMATION SERVICE, SEMINARS, STUDY OF PALESTINIAN HISTORY, REVIEW OF CURRENT PUBLICATIONS, CULTURAL TRIPS, AND ARABIS LANGUAGE PROGRAM. FIRST EXPOSITION SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER IN LISBON.

2. PRESS REPORTS ASSOCIATION COMPOSED OF FOLLOWING:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: PRESIDENT DR. JOAO SALVADO; VICE

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PRESIDENT DR. ANTONIO BORGES COELHO. MANAGEMENT:

PRES. DR. SULEIMAN VALY MAMEDE; VICE PRES. DR. JOSE
MAGALHAES VALLE DIGUEIREDO, AND DR. JOAO CORDIERO BEREIRA.
TREASURER: DR. MARIA SALETTE SIMOES. VOTING MEMBERS: DR.
MARIA EMILIA SANTOS BRITO MAMEDE AND HEITOR BAPTISTA PATTO.

3. ASSOCIATION DELEGATES IN OTHER PORTUGUESE CITIES ARE
DR. CARLOS PINTO RESENDE (OPORTO), DR. ANTONIO SALVADO
(CASTELO BRANCO), AND DR. FRANCISCO PEREIRA GUERREIRO (BEJA).

4. COMMENT: SOURCE OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS UNKNOWN BUT MONEY
APPARENTLY NOT A PROBLEM. ORGANIZATION HAS NOT BUT COULD
CONCEIVABLE ACT AS PROPAGANDA CENTER FOR PALESTINIAN
CAUSE AND LIAISON WITH FUTURE ARAB EMBASSIES.
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